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PHARMACY EXAMINING BOARD

GENERAL INFORMATION

EXAMINATIONS:

Candidates for licensure must complete the following examinations:

Multi-State Pharmacy Jurisprudence Examination (MPJE)

North American Pharmacist Licensure Examination (NAPLEX):

These examinations are computer-adaptive examinations developed by the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy (NABP). The NAPLEX/MPJE Registration Bulletin obtained at www.nabp.net provides information on test dates, registration information and content.

Admission to NAPLEX and MPJE Examinations:

1. Graduates from approved schools

If you will be graduating from a school or college of pharmacy approved by the board you will not be admitted to the NAPLEX or MPJE examination prior to 60 days before graduation without submitting proof directly from your school/college of pharmacy. Please contact your school/college to have a letter forwarded directly to the Board office.

2. Foreign graduates

If you are a foreign pharmacy graduate seeking original licensure you will not be admitted to the NAPLEX or MPJE examination prior to first filing proof with the board of obtaining certification by the "Foreign Pharmacy Graduate Examination Committee" (FPGEC) and being within 360 credit hours of completing an internship in the practice of pharmacy.

Practical Examination:

The Wisconsin patient consultation examination is a practical examination that is conducted in Madison. Approximately 10 days before the scheduled date of the examination, an admission ticket will be mailed to each eligible candidate. An applicant may not be admitted to the practical examination before the test date which immediately follows completion of the applicant's internship in the practice of pharmacy.

Competencies for Patient Consultation Examination

The patient consultation examination is designed to measure minimum competency for safe practice as a pharmacist. The questions on the examination are designed to evaluate the candidate's job related knowledge of dispensing medications and patient consultation.

The following 9 basic points are covered on the examination:

1. Introduction to counseling (establish contact and relationship, conduct a drug regimen review and an allergy assessment)
2. Name and purpose of the medication
3. Directions for use of the medication (how, when, how long)
4. Communicating cautions that may affect the medication prescribed
5. Explaining untoward effects and appropriate actions to minimize these effects
6. Proper storage of the medication
7. Determination of patient understanding
8. Discussion of refill medication
9. Appropriate language (clear and audible voice, use of common words, appropriate pace, accuracy and appropriateness of content)

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DATES FOR ADMINISTRATION OF THE PRACTICAL EXAMINATION:

For current examination dates please view the Department website at <http://drl.wi.gov/prof/phar/exams.htm>.

EXAMINATION RESULTS:

Within 30 days after a State licensing examination is administered, the board will notify each examinee of the results of the examination. However, if an examination is graded by a national testing service, the board will notify each examinee of the results of the examination within two weeks from the time the board office receives the results. No examination results will be given by telephone. To check your pass/fail status call the **Interactive Voice Response System, (608) 261-7925**. The Interactive Voice Response System will inform you of any requirements not met. You may also check the website: <http://drl.wi.gov>. Look under "Applicant Services."

REVIEW OF EXAM BY CANDIDATES:

There is no provision for a candidate's review of either the NAPLEX or MPJE examination. Any questions that a candidate may have relating to these examinations must be submitted to the board office in writing within 30 days after notice of examination results. Candidates that are unsuccessful on the patient consultation exam are entitled to a review of the exam. Additional information will be provided to failing candidates regarding the requirements for the review.

Direct any review related questions to the office of examinations at the address shown on the front of these instructions.

PASSING SCORES:

The passing scores set by the board represent the minimum competency essential for safe practice. The board may employ and cooperate with any organization or consultant in the development and grading of an examination, but will retain the responsibility of determining which applicants have successfully passed the examination. An applicant must earn passing scores on each required examination to qualify for licensure as a pharmacist in the State of Wisconsin.

A score of at least 75.0 is required to pass the NAPLEX, MPJE and the Wisconsin Patient Consultation Examination.

REQUESTS FOR MODIFICATION OF EXAMINATION PROCEDURES TO ACCOMMODATE A DISABILITY:

Applicants wishing a modification of examination procedures are asked to provide a written description of modifications desired, and a written statement from a qualified professional attesting to the need prior to the board meeting preceding the examination (one to two months prior to the exam date). Applicants may contact the Office of Examinations at (608) 266-2852 to discuss these procedures.

REFUNDS:

Applicants who are found unqualified to take an examination will receive a refund of all but \$10.00 of the fee. Applicants who provide written notice 10 days in advance that they are unable to take an examination for which they have been scheduled will receive a refund of all but \$10 of the examination fee. Applicants who fail to give written notice will receive a refund of all but \$10 of the examination fee if their failure to appear resulted from extreme personal hardship as determined by the department. Applicants eligible for a refund may choose instead to take an examination administered within 18 months of the originally scheduled examination at no additional charge.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS:

A change of address must be reported to the board within 30 days.

NAME TO BE USED:

For employment purposes, use the name on your file in the Pharmacy Examining Board office. You will not be identified as being licensed if any other name is used. Credentials received in a name other than that on the original application shall be supported by a change of name affidavit, such as a copy of marriage license or divorce decree.

CONTINUING EDUCATION:

30 hours of continuing education is required for renewal of the Wisconsin license. This coursework must be ACPE approved. You may contact ACPE at (312) 664-3575. This will be effective for the biannual periods of May 31-even years through June 1-even years. NOTE: This does not apply for a first time renewal.